

REMARKS

Applicant has amended the specification to update the status of the parent applications.

The rejection of claims 18-39 under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting over claims 1-23 of U.S. Patent 6,183,782 has been carefully considered. However, Applicant timely submits herewith a Terminal Disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) and payment of the required fee thereby obviating any obviousness type double patenting rejection.

In view of the above comments and further amendments to the specification, favorable reconsideration and allowance of all of the claims now present in the application are most respectfully requested.

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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the first sentence with the following updated sentence.

This application is a divisional application of pending U.S. application serial number 08/702,700, filed September 13, 1996, now U.S. Patent 6,183,782, which is a 371 of PCT/EP95/00917, filed March 13, 1995.